

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

November 9, 2006

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APPROVED

In Attendance: Sue Hansen, Gary Ridderhoff, George Darrow, Don Loranger, Buz, Meyer, Elna Darrow, Craig Wagner, Mike Richeson, Leslie Budewitz, Janet Loranger, Paul J Rana, Paul Guerrant, Sally Janover, Steve Zabaro, Chuck Gough, Carol Venable, Bill Meyers, Pat Wagner

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Elna Darrow at 12:03

Agenda: The Agenda was approved.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as emailed. (MSC Wagner/Meyer)

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Gough presented the treasurer's report. After expenses were paid for the Neighborhood Growth plan (Printing/Copying, Advertising etc) Web Development and Meeting Facilities we will have approximately \$621.01 left in the bank account. The report was approved. (MSC Wagner/Meyer) (Report attached to Secretary's minutes.)

Resort Tax Committee: George Darrow presented a short history of the Resort Tax. Cal Dunbar of West Yellowstone is known as the "Father of the Resort Tax in Montana." tried for several years to get a Resort Tax for an incorporated city to be recognized by the state Of Montana. Big Sky was the next city to get a statute passed for an un incorporated city. Both areas have experienced urban renewal with expanded community facilities, commercial activity. and new enterprises.

Elna also mentioned that Julie Spencer of the Bigfork Water and Sewer District was told by her Bond Attorney that if the tax area took in the Water and Sewer Boundaries then monies collected could also be used to help with some projects they might have. Several questions arose about the specific uses of the tax to which Elna replied., "We have much more research to do."

Bill Meyers shared at this time there will probably be a new catch basin for the for the worst culvert that pollutes the Flathead Lake.

Bigfork/Lake County Zoning

Leslie Budewitz mentioned that her committee is meeting every Friday Morning at 10.00 am at the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce. They are doing a lot of research. She presented a map which is not quite accurate showing some boundaries of areas to be included in the district. They will be getting a more accurate map shortly and looking at enlarging the boundaries. Leslie also mentioned the need for funding for a survey to be mailed in the Spring , which is a requirement that Lake County has for any zoning change. She is also asking for space on the web and this secretary will see to that matter.. Leslie was asked several questions that need research and she will get back with those answers.

Leslie also wanted to announce that Lake County Commissioners have appointed a Justice Center Planning Committee. Its purpose is to study the feasibility and options for construction/expansion of detention facilities, sheriff office, court rooms and related offices. They have had a couple of meeting and hereafter will meet on the first and third Thursday of each month. The next meeting, November 16th will be a tour of present detention facilities and then meet with an architect.

New Business:

Sue Hansen, secretary of the BLUAC requested funds for advertising and rental of the Swan River Hall. (150.00 for ads and 30.00 for Hall Rental.) These funds to be used in presenting the Neighborhood Growth Plan at a public meeting to all the citizens concerned , M/SC Hanson, Wagner). Don Loranger then amended the motion to add : request for BSC approval of the advertisement in a timely matter. M/SC: Loranger/SC Amendment passed. Motion passed.

Announcements:..

Elna announced the county librarian, Kim Crowley will be at the next meeting to address the BSC. She will be coming with Paul Mustacio of the BDC to discuss Library Facilities.

Julie Spencer is also arranging a tour of the sewer facilities for a later date.

Elna also mentioned a last call for persons interested in applying for the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment.

Our next meeting on the 16th will be at the Bethany Ark, in the building at the back of the church. probably upstairs The county will be holding a flu clinic in the basement of the church on the same day starting at 10:00. Get your flu shot early and then come to the meeting!

BIGFORK LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Neighborhood Growth Plan

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

November 14, 2006, 4:00 PM Bethany Lutheran Church
Section 5

November 21, 2006, 10:00 AM Bethany Lutheran Church
Section 6-7-8

The Draft Neighborhood Growth Plan is available in PDF format at bigforksteering.org or available for copying at the UPS Store.

PUBLIC COMMENT will be taken before and after each workshop session

Oral comments may be 3 minutes in length.

Written comments shall reference the Section number, Page number and paragraph of the Draft. Comments may be hand-written, in Word.doc format or email comments.
Send written or email comments to:

Sue Hanson
BLUAC Secretary
220 Swan River Road
Bigfork, MT 59911
837-5323
btrfly@montanasky.net

Bigfork Elves: Gather at the Flathead Lake Lodge, November 11, 2006, at 8:00 AM for breakfast and work sessions for cutting trees and repair of lights.

Flathead County Planning Board and Board of Adjustment positions open. Planning Board (5 positions open) meets approximately 2 times a month; Board of Adjustment (2 positions open) meets once a month. Members must be Flathead County residents but may not be residents of the cities of Kalispell, Columbia Falls and Whitefish. Mail applications to:

Mary Sevier
Flathead Planning & Zoning Office
1035 First Avenue West
Kalispell, MT 59911
751-8200

Deadline: November 13, 2006

Lake County Planning Board and Board of Adjustment positions open. One position is open for each board. Applications are needed from this area. Send applications or receive information:

Sue Shannon
Lake County Planning Department
106 4th Avenue East
Polson, MT 59860
planning@lakemt.gov
883-7235

Announcements, as well as the minutes are posted on the BSC website.

The next few minutes of the meeting were given over to discussions of some questions regarding times of meetings, age of members, age of survey respondents. Since these had been addressed with the public during the survey meetings and since the meeting time had run over, Chairman Darrow adjourned the meeting at 1:17.

Pat Wagner, Secretary